

**Table 17****TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE**

U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

September 13, 1998 through March 22, 1999  
Metric Tons

<i>Quota Recipients</i>	<i>1998/1999 Quota</i>	<i>Imports to Date</i>	<i>Percent of TRQ Used</i>
Argentina	11,000	2,741	24.9%
Brazil	80,200	14,896	18.6%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	1,283	12.8%
Guatemala	9,625	723	7.5%
Malawi	12,000	4,866	40.6%
Philippines	3,000	38	1.3%
Thailand	7,000	376	5.4%
Zimbabwe	12,000	1,699	14.2%
Residual 2/	3,000	2,279	76.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,575</b>	<b>28,901</b>	<b>19.2%</b>

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate-quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first come/first served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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